

Division of Marine Fisheries

Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Natural, and Economic Resources

February 28, 2019

Outline

- DMF Budget and FTE
- Statistics
- Sections
- Budget actions



Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF)

Mission: To ensure sustainable marine and estuarine fisheries and habitats

Headquarters: Morehead City

District Offices: Elizabeth City, Washington, Morehead City, Wilmington

Field Offices: Manteo

Nine Sections

- Licenses and Statistics
- Marine Patrol
- Habitat and Enhancement
- Fisheries Management
- Shellfish Sanitation and Recreational Water Quality

- Public Affairs
- Administration
- Information Technology
- Maintenance Services

247.915 FTE

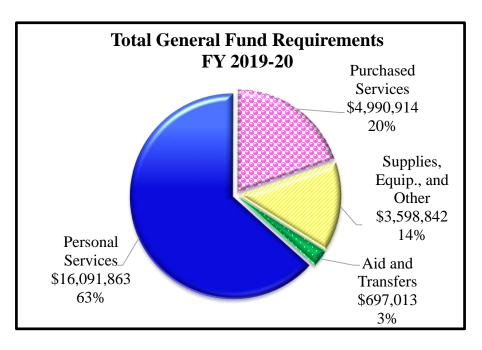
2019-20 Base Budget

Expenditures: \$25.4 m

Receipts: \$8.4 m

Net Approp.: \$17.0 m

DMF: General Fund Budget



Total General Fund FTE

Appropriated: 166.455
Receipt Supported: 81.460

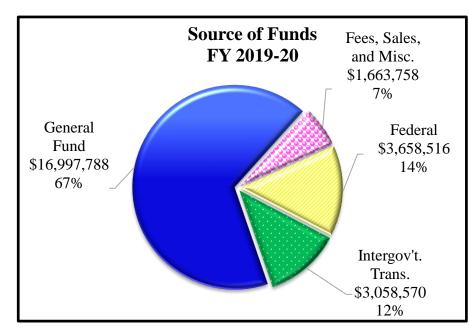
Total: 247.915

Total General Fund Budget

Requirements: \$25,378,632

Receipts: \$8,380,844

Net GF Approp.: \$16,997,788



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Source: Base Budget Worksheet I

DMF: License and Statistics

Recreational

469,571 licenses

27 million pounds



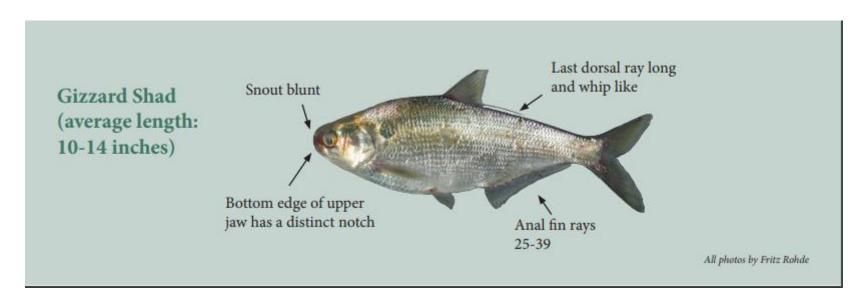


Commercial
6,164 licenses
54 million pounds

DMF: License and Stats Annual Report

How many people went on gizzard shad fishing trips in 2017?

83 people took 82 boats on 1,048 trips

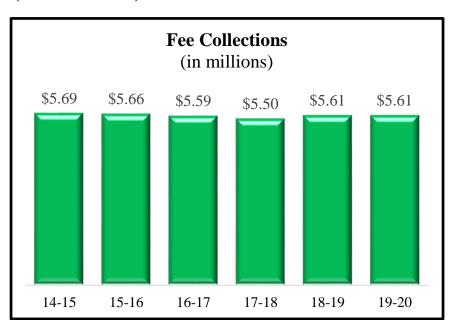


DMF: Special Funds

Marine Resources Fund (24323)

Manage, protect, restore, develop, cultivate, conserve, and enhance the marine resources of the State. (G.S. 113-175.1)

Coastal Recreational Fishing Licenses (CRFL) (G.S. 113-174.2) and a portion of Unified Licenses (G.S. 113-351)



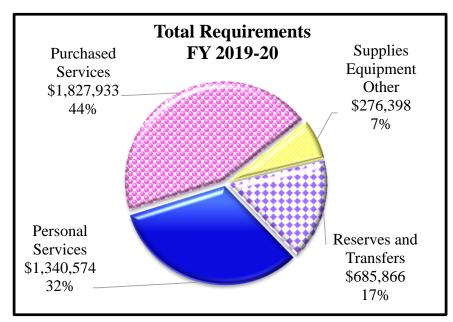
Requirements: \$4,130,771

Receipts: \$5,692,314

Change in Fund Balance: \$1,561,543

FTE: 24.00

Cash Balance: \$11,075,399



Source: BD701s and Base Budget (Worksheet I) adjusted to take out internal fund transfers

DMF Program Sections

Marine Patrol

To ensure sustainable marine and estuarine fisheries for the benefit of the people of the State

4,000 miles of coastline

2.5 million acres of water

56 Sworn Law Enforcement Officers



DMF Program Sections

Habitat Enhancement & Protection

Shellfish rehabilitation Oyster sanctuaries

NC Fish Habitats

- Hard bottom
- Soft bottom
- Shell bottom
- Submerged aquatic vegetation
- Water column
- Wetlands



FY 2018-19 Shellfish Rehabilitation and Oyster Sanctuary Funding \$4,054,343

DMF: Shellfish Sanitation and Recreational Water Quality

- Monitor water quality
- Inspect processing facilities
- Test 204 swimming sites



DMF: Fisheries Management

- Resource assessment and monitoring
- Fisheries and gear research
- Fisheries Management Plans

State Managed Species

Bay scallop Red drum

Blue crab River Herring

Eastern oyser Sheepshead

Estuarine striped Shrimp

bass Southern flounder

Hard clam Spotted seatrout

Kingfishes Striped Mullet



DMF: 2017-19 Budget Actions

2017 Budget

• Shifted some operating funds to receipt support (\$27,172)

2018 Budget

- Reduced cultch planting funding by (\$301,946) R and (\$395,898) NR. Savings were used for other shellfish, oyster, and aquaculture projects.
- Appropriated \$176,949 R and \$95,898 NR to re-establish the Northern Shellfish Lab

Disaster Funding

- S.L. 2018-136 (Florence II) provided \$1.6 million for commercial fishermen
- S.L. 2018-136 (Florence III) provided an additional \$10 million for commercial fishermen

DMF: License and Stats Annual Report

What was the most common gear used in 2017(by number of participants)?

1,494 people used some type of gill net from 1,701 boats on 29,230 trips



Questions?

